

Gentlemen:

As an Amateur Radio operator who actively provides communications for community service events and emergencies, it is very disconcerting to learn of the FCC proposal to drastically increase the use and power of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) also identified as Power Line Carrier (PLC).

My station operates all bands from 2 through 80 meters, both single sideband (SSB) voice as well as CW (carrier wave) Morse code.

Power line interference on the amateur bands is an ongoing struggle in our area and the power provider does not seem overly concerned with the problem. Commercial AM radio is also affected. Stations clearly heard 10 years ago are now covered by power line interference and are unintelligible.

The FCC has been committed, at least in the past, to protect the licensed users of the airwaves. The current proposal appears to disregard this commitment for amateur radio.

Please consider carefully the ramifications of increasing the usage and power for BPL and it's effect on Amateur Radio.

Sincerely,

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